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A.—(i) Sanction has been accorded to the introduction of free and compulsory elementary education within the areas under the jurisdiction of the following municipal councils :—

(1)	The Municipal Council, Vellore.
(2)	Do. Negapatam.
(3)	Do. Kumbakonam.
(4)	Do. Conjeeveram.
(5)	Do. Erode.
(6)	Do. Tellicherry.
(7)	Do. Tiruppur.
(8)	Do. Tinnevelly.
(9)	Do. Chingleput.
(10)	Do. Masulipatam.
(11)	Do. Tanjore.
(12)	Do. Mayavaram.
(13)	Do. Coimbatore.*
(14)	Do. Cochin.
(15)	Do. Madura. †

Grants to the aided secondary schools.

431 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has issued instructions to the District Educational Officers to the effect that no grants should in future be recommended for aided upper and lower secondary schools ;

(b) whether the previous sanction of the hon. the Minister for Education was obtained before the issue of such a circular ; and

(c) the circumstances which necessitated the adoption of such a step ?

A.—(a) The instructions issued by the Director of Public Instruction had reference to grants for the medical inspection of pupils and for furniture and books for secondary schools.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The orders in respect of grants for medical inspection were necessitated by the fact that certain revised arrangements relating to such grants are under consideration ; and those in respect of grants for furniture and books were issued on account of financial stringency.

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO:—“ May I ask the hon. the Minister for Education with reference to the answer given in clause (c) as to what the revised arrangements for medical inspection are ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“ Sir, we were advised by medical experts that the whole question would be placed in the hands of the Health Committee. Local bodies which were consulted did not like it and therefore it is under consideration as to what should be the agency for the inspection of the schools.”

* The Municipal Council, Coimbatore, has reported that it does not propose to give effect to the scheme for the present.

† The scheme will be given effect to from 1st April 1924.

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Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—“With reference to the answer given in the latter part of clause (c) may I ask the hon. the Minister for Education whether he would be pleased to see that arrangements to restore those lapsed grants next year are made ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ It is not a question of lapsed grants at all. It is only a question of financial stringency as is given in the answer.”

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—“ Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to restore them in the next year’s budget ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ The administrative departments concerned will take the necessary steps.”

Presidents of Secondary Education Boards.

432 Q.—Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(1) how many of the Presidents of the newly constituted Secondary Education Boards are (1) Brahmans, (2) non-Brahmans, (3) Mussalmans, (4) Indian Christians, (5) Adi-Dravidas and other depressed classes ; and

(2) how many of these were members of the past Legislative Council and what are their names and their educational attainments ?

A.—(1) Presidents of District Secondary Education Boards—

Brahmans	...	...	...	...	5
Non-Brahman Hindus	...	...	...	...	16
Muhammadan	...	...	...	...	1
Indian Christians	...	...	...	...	2
Adi-Dravidas and other depressed classes	...	...	...	...	Nil.

(2) The following are the names of the Presidents of District Secondary Education Boards who were members of the past Legislative Council :—

(1) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur T. Balaji Rao Nayudu Garu, President, District Board, Kistna.

(2) M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur P. C. N. Ethirajulu Nayudu Garu, President, District Board, Guntur.

(3) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Venkataranga Reddi Garu, B.A., B.L., President, District Board, Kurnool.

(4) M.R.Ry. P. Siva Rao Garu, B.A., B.L.

(5) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai Avargal, President, District Board, Anantapur.

(6) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur T. M. Narasimha Achariyar Avargal, B.A., B.L., President, District Board, Cuddapah.

(7) M.R.Ry. W. Vijayaraghava Mudaliyar Avargal, President, District Board, North Arcot.

(8) M.R.Ry. B. Muniswami Nayudu Garu, B.A., B.L., President, District Board, Chittoor.

(9) M.R.Ry. K. Sitarama Reddiyar Avargal, B.A., B.L. (till lately President, District Board, South Arcot).

(10) Diwan Bahadur Sir T. Desika Achariyar Avargal, B.A., B.L., President, District Board, Trichinopoly.